



WEEK 6 Day 1

Art Easel: Inspired by Mayan Designs
 Inspired by Mayan designs children paint or use pastels to create different patterns.

Big Ideas	The natural world can improve people’s quality of life and inspire artistic expression.
Guiding Questions	How can the earth inspire artistic expression?
Vocabulary	weave: to make (fabric) by passing threads or strips over and under each other pattern: a design with shapes and lines that repeats
Materials and Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Rainbow Weaver</i> ● Mayan designs images and videos ● smocks ● easel paper of different sizes ● paints in paint cups in a variety of colors ● thick and thin brushes ● cups for mixing colors ● pastels ● Q-tips ● sponges ● Ipad or laptop <p>Set up a color mixing station near the easel so that children can choose the colors and brushes they need and have the space to work with a partner. Make the images and videos available.</p>
Intro to Centers	<p><i>We are beginning to read Rainbow Weaver and hearing about the Mayan designs that Ixchel would like to weave, to make (fabric) by passing threads or strips over and under each other. Here are some of the pages where you can see the patterns, designs with shapes and lines that repeat, that Ixchel’s mother is weaving.</i></p> <p>Show a couple of pages from the book.</p>

	<p><i>Here are some images/videos of real Mayan patterns.</i> Select images and/or videos to share with children. <i>Share with a partner what you notice.</i> Think, Pair, Share.</p> <p><i>I noticed how some of the lines in the patterns are thick and some are thin and some are zig zags.</i></p> <p><i>This week at the Art Easel you can paint or use pastels to create your own patterns inspired by Mayan designs. Talk to a partner about what tools and colors you would use and make.</i> Think, Pair, Share.</p> <p><i>The easel is still set up so you can mix colors you need to paint. There are thin and thick brushes you can use to make different kinds of lines in your patterns. You can also choose to use pastels to create your pattern designs.</i> Show the different brushes.</p> <p><i>As always work as a team, you can paint on the same paper and help each other mix color and share ideas about how the designs and patterns you feel inspired to create.</i></p>
During Centers	Support children to notice and describe the patterns and designs. Guide children to consider the utensils they would use to create varied patterns. Encourage them to work as a team, share paper and tools as they plan their paintings.
Facilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How are the Mayan designs and patterns inspiring your painting or drawing? ● How are you going to use the tools to create design patterns? ● How are you using the paint or pastels? ● How would you represent different shapes and lines? ● How does working as a team help you with your painting or drawing?
	<p>SL.1.K.a Participate in collaborative conversations about kindergarten topics and texts with peers, and adults in small and larger groups. SL.3.K.b Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.</p>